

# THE BEREANS

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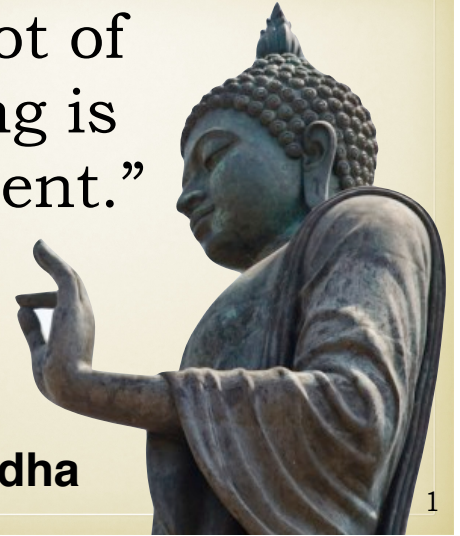
John 13:1-38

Lesson #46

Attachment

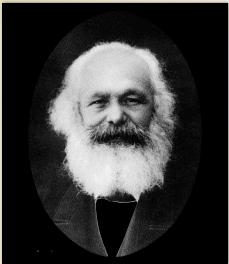
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“The root of suffering is attachment.”



The Buddha

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Marx

(detachment from the spiritual world)



Buddha

(detachment from the material world)

*“Christ calls us to be in but not of this world.”* Jn.17:15-19 2

## The Gospel of John Washing feet ch.13

Revelation to the world of sinners	Revelation to individuals	Revelation to multitudes	Rejection by the Jewish leaders	Ministry to the disciples	Ministry to the world of sinners
1-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	13-17	18-21
Signs				13	Sacrifice
Public ministry				Private ministry	Paschal ministry
Galilee & Judea				Jerusalem	
About 3 1/2 years				Only a few days	

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## John 13

### Attachment

1-20  
Jesus  
washes feet

The call to attachment

21-30  
Judas'  
betrayal

The tragedy of detachment

“I am afraid of getting attached because

*I am afraid of getting hurt.”*

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## Romans 12

“<sup>1</sup> I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.** <sup>3</sup> For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith”

*A renewed mind means  
grace oriented, humility,  
and availability.*

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*Mark 9:35*

“If anyone wants to be first,  
he shall be last of all and  
servant of all.”

*John 17:15-16*

“I do not ask You to take them  
out of the world, but to keep  
them from the evil one. They are  
not of the world, even as I am  
not of the world.”

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*John 13*

“<sup>1</sup> Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus  
knowing that His hour had come that He should  
depart out of this world to the Father, having loved  
His own who were in the world, **He loved them to  
the end (uttermost).**”

## Attachment

Codependence	Koinonia (fellowship)
My soul is rooted in this world's relationships	My soul is rooted in my union with Christ
I manipulate others to meet my needs.	I minister to others as the Body of Christ.

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## LOVE

is an attachment to Christ  
that moves us toward  
others with a passion and  
self sacrificing commitment  
to help them reach the  
deepest desires of their heart.

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## Spiritual formation

Know yourself  
Accept yourself  
**Forget yourself**  
Give yourself

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“<sup>2</sup> And during supper, the devil having already put into the heart of  
Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him, <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing  
that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had  
come forth from God, and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from  
supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded  
Himself about. <sup>5</sup> Then **He poured water into the basin, and began  
to wash the disciples' feet**, and to wipe them with the towel with  
which He was girded.”

- This took place at the time of the Last Supper.
- Luke 22:24 tells us that the 12 were arguing as to who would be the greatest in the Kingdom.
- Jesus was fully aware of his authority, the betrayal of Judas, and the denial of Peter that was to come.



**A love attachment  
forgets about self.**

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“<sup>6</sup> And so He came to Simon Peter. He said to  
Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup> Jesus  
answered and said to him, “What I do you do  
not realize now, but you shall understand  
hereafter.” <sup>8</sup> Peter said to Him, “Never shall You  
wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “**If I do  
not wash you, you have no part with Me.**””

- Peter was prepared to worship Jesus as Lord, but not to understand or follow him as Suffering Servant.

**A love attachment  
identifies with Christ**

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<sup>12</sup> And so when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments, and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup> You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash **one another's feet**. <sup>15</sup> For I gave you an **example** that you also should do as I did to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master; neither is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him."

- **Humble service of one another is not below our Lord and should not be below us.**

**A love attachment is a reciprocal calling.**

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love one another (John 13:35 - this command comes 16 times)  
 be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)  
 honor one another **above yourselves** (Romans 12:10)  
 live in **harmony with** one another (Romans 12:16)  
 build up one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)  
 be **likeminded towards** one another (Romans 15:5)  
 accept one another (Romans 15:7)  
 admonish one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)  
 care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)  
 serve one another (Galatians 5:13)  
 bear one another's **burdens** (Galatians 6:2)  
 forgive one another (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13)  
 be **patient with** one another (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)  
 be **kind and compassionate** to one another (Ephesians 4:32)  
 speak to one another with **psalms, hymns and spiritual songs** (Ephesians 5:19)  
 submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5)  
 consider others **better than yourselves** (Philippians 2:3)  
 look to the **interests of** one another (Philippians 2:4)  
 bear with one another (Colossians 3:13)  
 teach one another (Colossians 3:16)  
 comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)  
 encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13)  
 stir up one another to **love and good works** (Hebrews 10:24)  
 show **hospitality** to one another (1 Peter 4:9)  
 employ the **gifts that God has given us for the benefit of** one another (1 Peter 4:10)  
 clothe yourselves with **humility towards** one another (1 Peter 5:5)  
 pray for one another (James 5:16)  
 confess our **faults** to one another (James 5:16)

**The two greatest commands, on which, according to Jesus, all the others depend, are concerned with relationships, with God and one another**

(Matthew 22:36-40)

**44% of the N.T. Epistles are about our responsibilities to "one another"**  
**4% is about teaching and preaching**

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## **It starts with an attitude**

*Philippians 2*

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with **humility of mind** let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; <sup>4</sup> do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup> Have this **attitude** in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

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**Bill Gothard**

"The heart of a true servant is revealed in their response to being treated like one."

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<sup>17</sup> If you know these things, **you are blessed if you do them.**

- **Personal edification comes through self sacrifice in service.**
- **What goes around, comes around.**

**Attachment is a two way street.**

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## **Observations**

- Our role in this life is not to reign with Christ but to **suffer & serve** with him.
- This is a **mutual** (one another) activity.
- Knowing this is of little value until it results in **action**.
- Service in **little things** is a big deal.
- We have **no part with Jesus** if we fail to learn this.

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## Four challenges to church culture

1. The ministers minister and the congregation congregates.
2. Leaders are entitled, and / or exempt.
3. We talk the talk without walking the walk.
4. Like Peter, we too often see Christ as an object of worship but not as an example to be followed.

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## Why we resist this teaching.

1. It sounds too much like **socialism**. “God helps those who help themselves”.
2. The church should be “reaching out” rather than “**pampering itself**”.
3. This is a **low priority** in light of other needs.
4. I don’t **profit** from being least or last.
5. I’m **called to reign** with Christ.
6. It makes us **vulnerable**.

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## How to get started

- **Attitude** - renew your mind.
- **Sensitivity** - seek out opportunity.
- **Giftedness** - put your best foot forward.
- **Generosity** - give freely of time and \$.

*Give to those who cannot repay  
- and don't keep score.*

- **Sacrifice** - take your baptism seriously.

*Do not be surprised by suffering with Christ.*

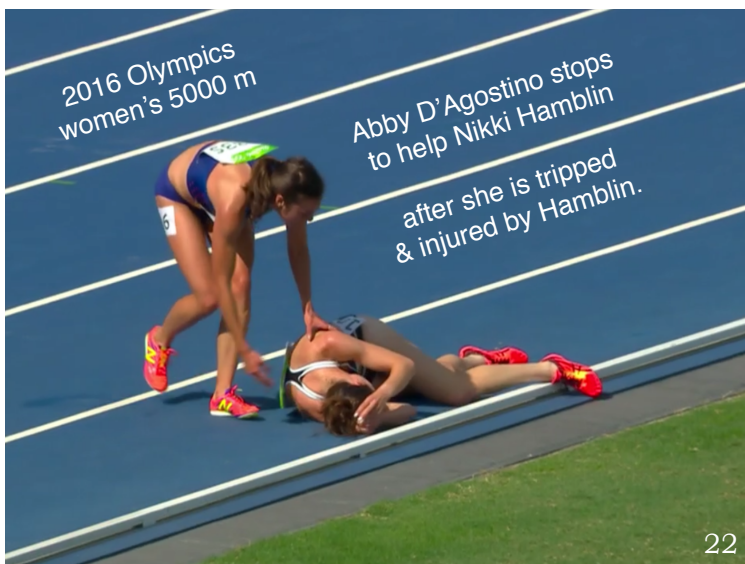
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## LOVE

**L**istens to concerns  
**O**verlooks weaknesses  
**V**alues strengths  
**E**mpathizes with pain

“Mature love must discern  
when to wash feet  
and when to shake the dust off of feet  
and walk away.”

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Abbey D'Agostino

“Although my actions were instinctual at that moment, the only way I can and have rationalized it is that God prepared my heart to respond that way”

“This whole time here, He’s made clear to me that my experience in Rio was going to be about more than my race performance — and as soon as Nikki got up I knew that was it.”

Hamblin described D'Agostino as “an amazing woman” and revealed that the pair had never met before the collision.

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